



Buchanan Middle School

# Buccaneer Beat

(813) 975-7600

<http://buchanan.mysdhc.org>

A Hillsborough County Public School

## Important Dates

Open House .....	August 6
First Day for Students .....	August 10
Early Release Days.....	Most Monday's
Labor Day Holiday .....	September 7
Interim Reports .....	September 10
Conference Night .....	September 17
End of Quarter One.....	October 9

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome new 6th grade parents and students, and welcome back returning 7th and 8th grade parents and students. I hope you had a safe and restful summer, and are as excited about the upcoming 2020-21 school year as I am. Just a reminder, Buchanan start time is 9:25 and end time is 4:20. Students will not allowed on campus until 8:55 unless they are in the HOST program. Buchanan is still a Mandatory Uniform School. All students will have to wear polo shirts. The colors may be black, purple, gray, or white. Spirit Shirts may be worn on Fridays. Pullover hoodies/sweatshirts will be acceptable this year as long as the student has the appropriate polo shirt under the hoodie and the hoodie is off the head.

Communication between school and home remains a high priority. We encourage our parents and students to utilize our web site, Edsby, listen to our phone messages, text messages and look through your student's binders and agenda planner to keep the lines of communication open between school and home. We look forward to working with you and your student(s) this school year. As always, I encourage you to take an active role in your child's middle school experience.

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our Open House from 5:00 – 6:00pm for our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students and 6:00-7:00 pm for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. You will find your child's homeroom assignment on the address label attached to this newsletter. Open House is designed to assist in making you and your student familiar with our campus, as well as meeting their teachers. Your student will be given a homeroom assignment and class schedule. **We also will have Uniform Shirts, Zip-up Jackets, Buchanan Hoodies, Spirit Shirts and PTSA memberships available in the Cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00pm.** I sincerely hope you enjoy your night at Buchanan.

We are very excited about the upcoming year and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. By working together, your child will achieve great success here at Buchanan Middle School. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school at 975-7600.

Believing in all children,  
Scott Hilgenberg, Principal

### School Hours 9:25 am - 4:20 pm

Students may NOT be on campus prior to 9:00 am, unless enrolled in the before school program.

Success is the anchor of our ABC's

- A = Attitude
- B = Behavior
- C = Commitment



**Buchanan Middle School**

**Open House**

**Thursday, August 6th**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm (6th Graded)**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm (7th & 8th Graded)**

**5:00 - 7:00 Uniforms & PTSA Memberships in Cafe**

**Meet your  
child's teachers  
Tour the campus**



**Mandatory Uniforms  
For  
2020-21**

**Order Forms on our Web  
or in Student Affairs**

**HOMEROOM  
NUMBER**

Example: 0601-0102  
0102 is Room 102

Please report to your assigned homeroom (room 102 in the example) for Open House and/or your first day of school...

Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:25 am

## WELCOME OUR 2020-2021 NEW BUCHANAN BUCCANEER STAFF MEMBERS:

### IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

Ensure your 7th grader starts school Aug 10, 2020.  
Be compliant with his/her vaccinations!

- Varicella (chicken pox)
- DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)
- Polio vaccine (IPV, OPV)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Hepatitis B Series (HBV)
- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)



Janet Alwood  
Scott Baskins  
Lydia Demps  
Kathy Ide  
Kalyn Kiehl  
Rossana Marquez  
Jacqueline Oswald  
Alicia Eskandari-Spears  
Elizabeth Swanson  
Mariana Quezada  
Vacancy

Reading  
Social Studies  
ELA  
Clinic  
Speech  
ELL  
Bilingual Aide  
IND/Access  
Art  
DHH  
Assistant Principal

### SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

Breakfast: Free to all students

Lunch: \$2.75, a la carte items are also available for an additional fee

Online meal monitoring: To pay into your child's lunch account and review what your children purchased, go to [www.sdhc.k12.fl.us](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us) and click on Meal Prepay, under Quick Links.

Due to the economic situation, we are including free/reduced lunch forms in our first day packets. Our Administration is asking that **all families** fill out one form and return it, regardless of your family income. Our wish is to ensure all children are provided a healthy and nourishing meal each day.

### IMPORTANT BUS INFORMATION

The Transportation Department wishes to notify all parents of the many mediums by which you can access bus run information for your child before school starts. Please see the enclosed reports that list bus stop locations, times and bus numbers. This bus run information is also available at <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us>.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 975-7600. We will be happy to answer any questions you have. Please remember, if you have an ESE child receiving specialized bus services, your bus driver will be contacting you later in August with specific bus stop locations, times, and bus numbers.

### ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance is critical to a student's success in school. If your child is absent from school please call the attendance line at 975-7600, press 1 and leave your student's information.

### CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES Ear Buds/Head Phones

We see it, we hear it, we take it!!



### BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL H.O.S.T. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Start Date: August 10, 2020  
Times: 7:30 am – 9:00 am/4:20pm – 6:00pm  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Cost: \$15.00 per week mornings  
\$27.00 per week afternoons

Highlights: tutoring, homework assistance, physical fitness, and computer access, under the supervision of Buchanan staff

Contact: Yida Harkins  
813-975-7600 ext 267  
[yida.harkins@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:yida.harkins@sdhc.k12.fl.us)

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS

**SUPPLIES:** Individual teachers and teams will distribute supply lists at Open House August 6 and/or on the first day of school August 10. We are also asking for all students to purchase a 3.5 inch binder for organization purposes. All students will be receiving a planner for planning and parental communication, compliments of Buchanan faculty and staff. If the planner is lost the student will have to purchase a new planner for \$5.00 from the bookkeeper.

**BACKPACKS:** Backpacks may be carried to and from school and throughout the school day, as hall lockers will not be assigned. Backpacks with wheels are not allowed unless a medical letter is provided by your child's physician.

### Extramural Information

Extramural packets will be available at Open House or in Student Affairs. Students must complete packet, have an updated physical and pay the insurance before student can try-out for a sport.



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